

## Gun Violence Reduction Grant (GVRG)

### *Working to stop gun violence across Maryland*

The General Assembly of the State of Maryland has appropriated \$928,478.00 for Fiscal Year 2013 to help reduce firearms related crime. Qualified applicants may apply for grants to be awarded from that appropriation to develop and implement strategies specifically intended to reduce gun crime in Maryland. Upon approval from the Cease Fire Council grants are awarded to appropriate programs. Under the direction of Governor O'Malley, the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP) facilitates the application process, makes recommendations to The Council, and produces the actual grant awards.

### **GVRG MAKES AN IMPACT ACROSS MARYLAND: Fiscal Year 2012**

#### **Baltimore County Police Department**

The Baltimore Police Department's Targeted Enforcement program resulted in 415 guns seized and 98 prosecutions.

#### **Prince George's County Police Department**

The Prince George's County Police Department's Community Prosecution program has also been very successful in the prosecution of gun related cases. The Office prosecuted 58 gun related cases with a 69% conviction rate.

#### **Montgomery County Police Department**

Police officer overtime from GVRG funding resulted in the seizure of 319 illegal firearms and 101 gun cases prosecuted.

#### **Cambridge Police Department**

Through overtime support provided to the Cambridge Police Department from GVRG funding to address gun crime in targeted areas, the department seized 35 illegal firearms, made 16 gun related arrests, and prosecuted 18 gun cases.

#### **Hagerstown Police Department**

The Hagerstown Police Department's Targeted Enforcement project led to the seizure of 42 illegal firearms, 51 gun related arrests, 39 gun cases prosecuted and 251 gang members arrested.

#### **Baltimore City**

Project Exile resulted in the prosecution of 111 gun cases with a 56% conviction rate and an average sentence of over 8 years in prison.

#### **Salisbury Police Department**

Through salary support from GVRG funding, the Salisbury Police Department seized 38 illegal firearms, made 34 gun arrests, prosecuted 48 gun cases, and arrested 32 gang members.

#### **Supported Programs**

- Project EXILE
- Gun Tracing Task Force
- Prosecution Support
- Gun Trafficking Investigation
- Targeted Enforcement
- Personnel
- Overtime Support



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